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EXAMINER

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PAPER NUMBER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/117,645	Applicant(s) USHIYAMA ET AL
	Examiner LOHA BEN	Group Art Unit 2873

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to Applicants' amendment dated April 7, 2000.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 9 and 8/3/98.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Apr 7, 2000, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance



Loha Ben
Primary Examiner

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification

Page 3: line 16, "Fig. 14" has been replaced with -- Figs. 14(A) and 14(B) --.

Page 6: line 18, "Fig. 1 is . . . view" has been replaced with -- Figs. 1(A) and 1(B) are explanatory views --; and line 23, "Fig. 3 is . . . view" has been replaced with -- Figs. 3(A) to 3(D) are perspective views --.

Page 7: line 3, "200 of the first" has been replaced with -- 200a of the second -- (see page 12, lines 19-21).

Page 18: line 16, "Fig. 1" has been replaced with -- Figs. 1(A) and 1(B) --.

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3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention distinguishes over the prior art Figs. 14(A) and 14(B) contained in this application by the fact that the dichroic film that is formed on a second surface part of at least

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one of the four rectangular prisms does not protrude from rectangular surfaces of other remaining rectangular prisms as now recited in claim 1. This modified configuration prevents the return of the light, which returns from the light emitting surface side of a dichroic prism to the dichroic prism, from emitting again from the light emitting surface.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Loha Ben whose telephone number is (703) 308-4820.



Loha Ben
Primary Examiner

May 17, 2000



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NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE

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TITLE OF INVENTION **DICHROIC PRISM, PRISM UNIT, AND PROJECTION DISPLAY APPARATUS**

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
2 100406	359-618.000	M62	UTILITY	NO	\$1210.00	08/18/00

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.

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